

Today

The Tories Start In.  
Lady Astor and Labor.  
More Earthquakes Next  
Year.  
What is Money.

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THE new Tory government of England gets its first experience with active radicalism. The Labor members form the second party in Parliament, and make it clear that they mean soon to be number one. That ought to mean another combination party, with Lloyd George, the only possible leader, at the head of it.

Lady Astor, fair young creature, contributed by this country to the British Parliamentary meeting, enjoys a good fight with Labor members.

They have passed the day when her Ladyship came around once a month to condescend, and labor, in the cottage, pulled its front hair lock and mumbled gratitude.

"We don't want your sympathy," says a Labor member to Lady Astor. To that she replies: "Keep a civil tongue in your head," and he, "keep a civil tongue in your head, miss."

Sad days are ahead of the Tory squire. In the House of Lords, where accidents of marriage and birth are gathered, there is depression well founded. However, the British know how to give way. They have in Lloyd George a man of endless resource. He knows British labor better than any Laborite, knows the Tories better than the king. He will watch John Bull safely, if John lets him.

THE Abbe Mareux, able French scientist, predicts more and serious earthquakes for next year. The earth is like a Leyden jar, he says, expanding or shrinking according to electric force sent here by the sun. Next year is to be a shrinking year, and the shrinking of the earth's crust will cause the earthquakes.

There is no doubt that we feel activity on the sun's surface, including the sun spots, sometimes 40,000 miles wide, into which our earth might sink, like an egg in a straw nest.

Think of our sun, 5,300 times brighter and eighty-seven times hotter than the white-hot metal in a bessemer converter; think of the spouting gases at its surface, flaming, roaring, rushing upward sometimes 100,000 miles, at the rate of 300 miles a second.

The wonder is that we can feel safe by maintaining our balance within our narrow limits of endurable temperature so close to such a giant of heat and radiant energy.

DEAN JOHNSON, of New York University, wonders why men have gone on through the ages using the same old kind of money. Progress in everything else, but the same old money.

One answer is that those having money control the world. Their money is the old kind. They do not want it changed or weakened. Money in one man's pocket means a mortgage on the man in whose pocket there is none, and men cling to their human mortgages.

DEAN JOHNSON says the average man in the street knows little or nothing about money and a stable medium of exchange. You may add that great bankers, financiers and political economists know little about money.

Our bankers united to denounce the Federal Reserve Bank as destructive of credit. It proved to be the one thing that saved them from black panic.

They were trying to obtain the money monopoly and did not realize that their monopoly was made tighter.

The Government wants to pay a bonus to soldiers, but don't know where to get the money. And the only thing that creates money in this country is the Government's promise to pay. That must be stamped on a piece of gold before it becomes real money.

We do not know what money is, or how to manage it. But we do know that it manages us, and we

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